know whether the Railways have given clearance from the Government to import the sub-system.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Let the Minister reduce reservation charges for the second-class and also the rates of the platform ticket.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House stands adjourned for lunch till 2.40 p.m.

The House then adjourned for lunch at thirty-seven minutes past one of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at forty-two minutes past two of the clock, **The Vice-Chairman (Dr. Bapu Kaldate)** in the Chair.

THE BUDGET (PUNJAB) 1988-89.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): Sir, I lay on the Table a Statement (in English and Hindi) of the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Government of Punjab for the year 1988-89.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (PUNJAB), 1987-88

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): Sir, I lay on the Table a Statement (in English and Hindi) showing the Supplementary Demands for Grants for Expenditure of the Government of Punjab for the year 1987-88.

THE BUDGET (GENERAL), 1988-89— GENERAL DISCUSSION

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE (West Bengal): Sir, I will crave more indulgence than normally is given to me because this is my pre-retirement budget speech. (Interruptions). No, no, it is just a simple budget speech. This budget, let me begin with the statement, is one more reason why the Government should go. Added to the political and social reasons the economic reasons have been provided in this budget. Now there were some comments on the budget that it is a superficial thing. I for one don't consider Tiwariji a superficial person, but he has problem having to attend to some superficial guidelines and a superficial guide. I believe that he is a person of depth. In my comments, I will explore the depths. Sir, in his Budget speech, he has made a few claims. And one of the claims relates to excellent management of the drought. That is para 5. As it behoves the ruling party Members, they compare themselves with the Janata period. Unfortunately, Sir, Tiwariji's ground has been taken away by his own Department's Annual Survey. Tiwariji's claim is that despite a severe drought, the prices have only risen upto 10 per cent, while in 1979-80, the situation was that the prices rose by 21 per cent. I am not talking of the comparison with Janata period; I am questioning the claim itself. The Annual Survey, unfortunately, mentions that the reason why prices rose is related to the second oil shock, but before that the fact is that agricultural production in that year fell by 16 per cent a negative 4 per production also was a negative 4 per cent. In this year the agricultural production, according to all statements, has fallen by 7 to 10 per cent, not 16 per cent, and the claim which I will examine a little later is that the industrial growth rate is about 8 per cent.

Now I am surprised at the claim that if agricultural production has not fallen, as much as in 1979-80, if